IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as set forth below.

(Previously Amended) A gripper assembly which comprises:
a body;

an actuator coupled to the body;

first and second opposable jaw members being pivotable in opposite directions about coincident axes;

wherein each jaw member comprises a cam slot;

wherein each cam slot is a space formed by opposed cam walls located in the jaw member;

wherein the cam walls form a locking portion and a pivoting portion; wherein the distance between the cam walls of the locking portion is substantially equal to the distance between the cam walls of the pivoting portion;

a cam pin attached to the actuator;

wherein a portion the cam pin is located and movable in the cam slot.

- 2. (Original) The gripper assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the locking portion is substantially a straight slot portion.
- 3. (Original) The gripper assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the pivoting portion is substantially a curved slot portion.
- 4. (Original) The gripper assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the slot is closed at each end.
 - 5. (Cancel)
 - 6. (Previously Amended) The gripper assembly according to Claim 1,

further comprising a rod that is engagable by the actuator and connected to the cam pin.

7. (Currently Amended) A modular gripper assembly which comprises:

a body having a fluid driven actuator;

a first and second jaw members;

wherein each of the jaw members are caused to move by the fluid driven

actuator;

wherein each of the jaw members are pivotal about an axis in opposed

directions;

wherein each of the jaw members has a through-slot disposed therein;

wherein [[the]] each through-slot has first and second closed ends;

wherein [[the]] <u>each</u> through-slot has first and second locking segments located between the first and second closed ends; and,

wherein the first locking segment is located adjacent the first closed end and the second locking segment is located adjacent the second closed end;

a pin extending into [[the]] <u>each</u> through-slot, movable therein between the first and second closed ends.

- 8. (Currently Amended) The modular gripper assembly of Claim [[1]] 7, wherein [[the]] each through-slot is composed of a first and second segment.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The modular gripper assembly of Claim [[1]] 7, wherein the first locking segment locks each of the jaw members in a closed position until driven

by the actuator.

- 10. (Currently Amended) The modular gripper assembly of Claim [[1]] <u>9</u>, wherein the second locking segment locks <u>each of</u> the jaw members in an open position until driven by the actuator.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The modular gripper assembly of Claim [[1]] 7 further comprises a central pivoting segment located between the first and second locking segments.